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INDUSTRIES NOT MEETING DEADLINES -- Budapest Nepszava, 20 Jun 50

In a report to the central leadership, Minister of State Gero reported that there are technical and political shortcomings in Hungary's export trade. Trading agencies and industries are not cooperating closely enough. The industries are not meeting deadlines. For example, Fulgaria's large order of Electroimpex radios from the Agrolux State Enterprise was to have been shipped by 30 September 1949, and the production of Bulgarian items was scheduled accordingly. The Agrolux shipment was not completed until 30 November, however, and consequently the radios are still in warehouses because the letter of credit has meanwhile expired and its constant renewal involves further delay.

The Matyas Rakosi Works gets its shipments out on schedule, but the Diosgyor Tool Factory, for example, shipped only one of an order of 15 turret lathes on time.

The quality of export products also leaves much to be desired. Factory supervisors are not taking enough interest in the quality of work for export. Export delivery of a lathe base by the Budapest Tool Factory was delayed because of reworking necessitated by poor workmanship.

There is a definite irresponsibility exhibited among the supervisors, also. An overseas purchaser of Orion thermos bottles from the Orion Thermos Bottle and Glass Industry State Enterprise specified that the words "Made in Hungary" appear on the product and on the packaging. The bottles were not permitted to pass through the customs of the receiving country because the name of the manufacturing country did not appear on the shipment.

In another instance, the same company contracted for the manufacture of thermos bottles for shipment to the Far East. The shipping space required was calculated by the trading agency to be 11.5 cubic meters. However, the shipment as sent off by the company occupied 22.3 cubic meters, with an additional shipping charge of 275 dollars and a corresponding loss of profit.

Another example of faulty packaging was a shipment of radios packed in absorbent paper with the result that the radio cabinets became warped.

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SIGN FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH SWISS -- Budapest Friss Ujsag, 22 Jul 50

Commercial and financial discussions between Hungary and Switzerland begun on 1 December 1949 have come to a successful conclusion. All unsettled economic questions brought about by the war have been decided on. Representatives of the two governments signed an agreement on 19 July 1950. The new agreement affects the exchange of produce and payments, and will strengthen economic relations between the two countries.

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